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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

We, Hachiro NAKANISHI, Hitoshi KASAI, Hirohiko MIURA, Hidetoshi OIKAWA, and Shuji OKADA hereby declare as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of the captioned application and are familiar with the subject matter of the captioned application and with the Office Action mailed on September 4, 2008.
2. The subject matter in “Preparation of poly(amic acid) nanoparticles using the reprecipitation method and their imidization”, Kobunshi Ronbunshu (October 25, 2002), Vo. 59(10), pages 637-641 (“Suzuki *et al.*”) and Japan Chemical Society 82nd Autumn forum (2002), Abstract 2B7-10 (“Mitsui *et al.*”) relied upon to make the outstanding § 103 rejections are our own invention and therefore not § 102(a) prior art. .
3. Suzuki *et al.* was co-authored by us, where the remaining authors Masaro Suzuki, Takayasu Nihira, and Hiroyoshi Fukuro worked under our direction and supervision.

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4. Mitsui *et al.* was co-authored by us, where the remaining authors Hideharu Mitsui, Masaro Suzuki, Takayasu Nihira, and Hiroyoshi Fukuro worked under our direction and supervision.

Further Declarants Hachiro NAKANISHI, Hitoshi KASAI, Hirohiko MIURA, Hidetoshi OIKAWA, and Shuji OKADA sayeth:

We declare that all statements are made of our own knowledge and are true and that all statements are made on information and belief that are believed to be true and further, that any false statements so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code., and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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